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TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND
Easton Town Hall
14 S. Harrison Street

August 5, 2013

PRESENT AT CONVENING

Mayor Robert C. Willey
Councilmember Megan M. Cook
Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski, Sr.
Councilmember Kelley K. Malone
Councilmember Pete Leshner

Also present were the Town Manager Mr. Karge, the Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon VanEmburch, Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy Ruf, Chief of Police David Spencer and 1SGT Rhonda Thomas.

President Ford was excused.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY TOWN CLERK.

At 7:00 p.m., the Town Clerk Mrs. Ruf called the meeting to order.

NOMINATIONS FROM COUNCIL FOR ACTING PRESIDENT.

Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, Mr. Leshner was nominated as Acting President of the Council.

OPENING REMARKS BY MR. LESHER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mr. Leshner gave opening remarks and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2013 MEETING.

Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried unanimously, minutes of the July 15, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.

Mr. Wendowski asked Mayor Willey if he would be giving a budget update due to the hospital's delay in construction.

Mayor Willey said he would discuss the state of the town at an upcoming council meeting.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.

The Town Manager Mr. Karge discussed ongoing town construction and projected completion dates. The Town Manager then invited the Chief of Police to go over Police Board items.

Chief Spencer briefed on the following:

Personnel:

- Sgt. Anthony Thomas has announced his intent to retire after 25 years' service effective September 1, 2013.
- Ptl. Schinault & Ptl. McCormick are progressing well in field training
- Rec. Wendy Lyons began Academy July 8 and graduates December 17. With Sgt. Thomas retirement this will leave us with one opening for P/O.
- PCO Melody Whitley who resigned in December 2012 has been re-hired effective July 31, 2013.
- PCO Rodney Bambarly resigned effective July 11, 2013 to accept a position with the Anne Arundel County Fire Department, which leaves us with one open PCO position.

Events:

- August 6 1700 National Night Out at Moton Park
- August 26 SSPP starts
- August 27 Opening day for Talbot County Public Schools
- Sept 3 Country School starts
- Sept 4 Chesapeake Christian School starts

- 68 • Sept. 8 – 12 Maryland Chief’s and Sheriff’s Association Meeting in Ocean City

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70 **Traffic Safety Award:**

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- 72 • Pfc. Jason Dyott has been selected to receive the **2012 Maryland Chiefs of Police Traffic Safety Award** for
73 agencies with between 26 and 125 officers. The criterion for this award is: exceptional traffic enforcement
74 efforts, arrests made from traffic stops (looking beyond the license plates) and a mixture of enforcement,
75 commitment and educational efforts. The award will be presented to him at the MPCA meeting on
76 September 8th.
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 - 78 • **Speed Camera**
 - 79 • Will be placed on N. Washington Street between Chapel Rd. and Easton Parkway in early September. The
80 speed camera will stay on Peachblossom until then.
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 - 82 • **DUI Checkpoints:**
 - 83 • We will be doing two DUI checkpoints this month; one on Rt. 50 and another on the Parkway.
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85 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**

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87 The Town Attorney stated that the draft ordinances for the minimum livability code are in this packet. She stated
88 that revisions to Ordinance No. 627 and 628 may be forthcoming. She stated that the draft ordinances will be
89 posted on the town’s website. Mrs. VanEmburch stated that the ordinances can be amended and introduced during
90 the Public Hearing scheduled for August 19.

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92 **MS. MARY KRAMER, 7215 FIR STREET, TO ADDRESS COUNCIL REGARDING SIDEWALKS AT**
93 **STONEY RIDGE.**

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95 Mrs. Kramer discussed the condition of the sidewalks at The Woods at Stoney Ridge.

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97 Mrs. Kramer stated that the constructed sidewalk was completed approximately ten years ago. She stated that it is
98 not the town’s responsibility but she is seeking assistance. Mrs. Kramer stated that the sidewalks are unsightly and
99 dangerous; especially to pedestrians and children.

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01 Mayor discussed residences with broken sidewalks. He stated that they are looking for funding. Mayor Willey said
02 they are hoping to come up with a remedy.

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04 **MR. RAY CLARKE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL REGARDING DUTCHMAN’S LANE MODIFIED**
05 **SECTION IMPROVEMENTS.**

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07 Mr. Clark introduced Mr. Andy Hollis, Talbot County Councilperson.

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09 Mr. Clark discussed proposed road and safety improvements for Dutchman’s Lane and displayed the project via a
10 Power Point presentation. He projected the cost to be approximately \$1.5 million which he states does not include
11 engineering fees with \$900,000 coming from county funds and \$600,000 coming from town funds. Mr. Clarke
12 stated that 2900 feet of improvement would be accomplished to Dutchman’s Lane. He stated that Tap Funds may
13 help with the project.

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15 Mrs. Cook asked if a bike lane is included in the improvements. Mr. Clark stated that he did not think so due to
16 right-of-ways and the necessity to acquire land.

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18 Mr. Leshner discussed the necessity to make this project to move forward.

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20 Mr. Clark stated that Public Hearing with enabling legislation will be held August 13 at the county council’s
21 meeting. Mr. Clark is asking for a letter of support from the town.

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23 Mayor Willey discussed security around the storm water pond. He has been assured that this will be taken care of.
24 Mayor Willey stated that the debris around the pond needs to be picked up. He stated he would like to have water
25 flow metered.

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27 **ORDINANCE NO. 627, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING SECTION 2-26.2.2**
28 **AND SECTION 11-6 OF THE TOWN CODE TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE WAIVERS**
29 **OF THE MINIMUM PROPERTY MAINTENANCE STANDARDS.”**

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31 Acting President brought Ordinance No. 627 to the floor for the record.

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33 **ORDINANCE NO. 628, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING SECTION 11-5 OF**
34 **THE TOWN CODE REGARDING STAIRWAYS AND EMERGENCY ESCAPE AND RESCUE OPENINGS.”**

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36 Acting President brought Ordinance No. 628 to the floor for the record.

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38 **CONT'D. PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE REQUEST OF REMCO PROPERTIES LLC**
39 **(OWNERS/DEVELOPERS) TO AMEND THE APPROVED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD)**
40 **APPLICATION FOR WATERSIDE VILLAGE WITH ADDITIONAL PHASES OF DEVELOPMENT OF**
41 **THE SHOPPING CENTER CONSISTING OF FOUR SEPARATE PUD APPLICATIONS (2A, 2B, 2C**
42 **AND 2D).**

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44 At 7:30 p.m., the Town Attorney discussed the four applications. Mrs. VanEmburch brought to the floor the nine items
45 that have been received that need to be included in the record.

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47 Acting President Leshner asked for additional testimony. He stated that witnesses must be put under oath. There were no
48 additional witnesses.

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50 The applicant's attorney Mr. Showalter drew attention to the document presented for the record at the previous council
51 meeting from William McDaniel. He stated that those prior Phase 2 applications had been withdrawn before these
52 applications were submitted. Mr. Showalter stated that the applicant stands on record as presented at prior meeting.

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54 At 7:38 p.m., Acting President of the Council closed the hearing on the request of Remco for Waterside Village.

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56 **ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

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58 Mrs. Cook invited everyone to the 7th Annual National Night Out tomorrow night at Moton Park.

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60 **ADJOURN**

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62 At 7:40 p.m. upon motion by Mrs. Cook, seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, Acting President Mr.
63 Leshner adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

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67 Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk
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